

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2834

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Human Services & Corrections, February 21, 2008

Title: An act relating to modifying a foster parent license due to a change of residence.

Brief Description: Modifying a foster parent license due to a change of residence.

Sponsors: Representatives Roberts, Kagi and Wood; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/12/08, 96-0.

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/21/08 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell and Marr.

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Background: The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) currently issues foster home licenses for the licensee only at the location specified on the foster home licensing application. A foster home license remains in effect for two weeks after a foster family moves, but only if the foster home has an acceptable history of child care and the family remains intact after the move.

Summary of Bill: A foster family home license remains in effect for 30 days after the foster family moves to a new location. This occurs as long as the family remains intact after the move, and the home has an acceptable history of child care. Before moving to a new location, licensees must notify their licensor, and may request a continuation of the license at the new location. Within 30 days of the licensee's request, DSHS must amend the license to reflect the new location, as long as the new location and licensee meet minimum licensing standards.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

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Persons Testifying: No one.